

FLIGHTS ON COMPETITIVE ROUTES IN REGIONAL WESTERN AUSTRALIA - TOTAL
GOVERNMENT SPENDING

3749. Hon Murray Criddle to the Minister for Education and Training representing the Treasurer

I refer to the flights on competitive routes in regional Western Australia, including Karratha, Port Hedland, Broome, Kununurra and Kalgoorlie, and I ask -

What are the figures for total Government spending for the years -

- (a) 2003-04;
- (b) 2004-05; and
- (c) 2005-06,

on -

- (i) Qantas;
- (ii) Virgin; and
- (iii) Skywest flights,

for each route mentioned above?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

(a), (b) and (c)

The Government spending for flights on competitive routes to and from the above destinations, through the Department of Treasury and Finance's common use contracting arrangement for travel reservations, is summarised in the following tables:

	2003-04 (\$'000)	2004-05 (\$'000)	2005-06 (\$'000)
KARRATHA			
Qantas	4,028	3,647	3,814
Virgin Blue	-	-	-
Skywest	30	248	305
PORT HEDLAND			
Qantas	2,789	2,702	2,670
Virgin Blue	-	-	-
Skywest	21	204	159
BROOME			
Qantas	5,516	4,317	4,584
Virgin Blue	-	-	-
Skywest	196	587	709
KUNUNURRA			
Qantas	65	146	274
Virgin Blue	-	-	-
Skywest	-	158	629
KALGOORLIE			
Qantas	2,037	2,053	2,291
Virgin Blue	-	-	-
Skywest	311	336	462

- Notes:
1. Skywest commenced Perth - Karratha - Port Hedland route on 15 May 2004.
 2. Virgin Blue commenced Perth - Broome route on 7 September 2004.
 3. Skywest commenced Perth - Broome route on 6 October 2003.
 4. Skywest commenced Perth - Kununurra route on 8 April 2005.
 5. A dash signifies that the airline did not fly that route for the period stated.